

with classes and having special religious services. Many glorious revivals have been held among students. Annually hundreds are converted during their college life. Hundreds more are joining the Student Volunteer Missionary movement and many institutions have their representatives in the mission field.

It is to the colleges we must look for recruits for the ministry and missionary ranks because more and more it is becoming imperative that Christian workers should have special training for their great work. It is while in college that the ideas of life and duty of philosophies and religion are stirred and reshaped and given their permanent form. At this time alas, many make shipwreck of their faith. The Y. M. and Y. M. C. A. are doing glorious work and are especially needed in state institutions where they furnish about all the religious advantages the students have.

As society advances and its relations become more and more complex it becomes increasingly imperative that we have men who shall be able to grapple intelligently with the great problems of the day, men who have studied sociology and economics and the lessons of history. These go out from the colleges and universities to be leaders among men. How important it is then that they have also the knowledge of God and his word and are consecrated to the kingdom.

Our own beloved college struggling for a firm footing deserves our most earnest prayers and most mature thought and most generous gifts. Its claims should be presented at this meeting. Possibly the society may be able to find new students. Possibly it may be able to take one of the \$100 bonds that are now being urged upon our people. At any rate it can increase the enthusiasm of the people for education in general and for our college in particular. Have a good leader and a rousing meeting.

#### A FEW SCRIPTURES

- 1 Knowledge and skill commended, 2 Chron. 1: 11, 12; Prov. 19: 2 and 18: 15; 2 Pet. 1: 5; Hos. 4: 6.
- 2 Results of knowledge, Prov. 15: 2, 7 and 17: 27; Prov. 24: 3, 4.
- 3 The best knowledge, Hos. 6: 6; Phil. 3: 8; Col. 3: 10; 2 Pet. 1: 2.

#### FOR OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1 Why should education be encouraged?
- 2 What is the purpose of education?
- 3 Why do we especially need colleges and universities?
- 4 Why should we specially pray for students?
- 5 What peculiar dangers have students? What opportunities?
- 6 What special claim has Ashland College upon us?
- 7 How can our society increase the number of students at Ashland College? How help it in other ways?

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*My Dear Fellow-workers:* I am very sorry that I was not able to keep up my contributions. I derive much pleasure as well as profit in writing to you each week. And I am also glad, judging from the letters that I receive, that many of you find the same pleasure and profit in reading the contributions that I am led to write each week.

I can see some signs of growth in our work. I have received letters of encouragement and offers of assistance from Brethren, and especially pastors, that have not heretofore given any countenance to our work whatever. To me this is a very hopeful sign. If our pastors are not interested, we can scarce expect our young people to be interested. "Like pastor like people" is an old, but nevertheless a true saying. Pastors

are looked upon as *leaders* as well as *feeders* and rightly so. No department of church work can do its most efficient service without, at least, the pastor's approval and encouragement. The pastor's work is not only in the pulpit. Indeed in this day of manifold organizations in the church, the bulk of the pastor's work is without the pulpit. And among these manifold organizations there is none that has come to occupy a more important place in the church than the young people's society. The systematic organization of these young people for work in the church is to be greatly desired. And to work among these young people for their conversion and edification and the qualifying of them for Christian service, and to work thro them in the manifold activities of the church, *no one is better qualified than the pastor.* And where is there a more pleasant, hopeful and fruitful field to labor in? Where is the hope for the church's future? It goes without saying that the responsibility of the church increases with each generation. But where are the people to come from that must assume and discharge this responsibility? Are they not to be found among the young people of today? And has the church yet offered us, yea can it offer us, a better and more efficient plan in which to prepare these young people than the young people's society? *Therefore for the good of the church, as well as for the good of the young people of the church, the young people's society must be fostered.*

The pastor's work for and with and thro the young people is an easy as well as delightful one. For these young men and women usually yield themselves more easily to an organization than their elders. Many desire Christian work and are only waiting for the pastor to suggest the work. Our young people have fewer prejudices, less individuality, are progressive rather than conservative and are not laden with the cares of business and the home. Therefore when the pastor organizes these young people into a body for systematic planning and doing of Christian service, he will himself be possessed with a body of workers thro which he will obtain the most thro earnest and persistent work and in the most prompt and satisfactory manner.

I am glad that our pastors are beginning to see the power and need of our work. Their eyes have long been holden. But rays of light are finding entrance. May the full light soon come in upon them. May this contribution be blessed of God toward the bringing about such a glorious result.

#### Missions

How many of our societies took an offering for missions at Christmas? I hope that many did. Our work is much in need of funds. Our missions in Chicago and Washington must be sustained.

#### Our Birthday

On February 2nd the movement known as The Young People's Movement will be sixteen years old. Doubtless you will say that

"she is large for her age." So she is. No movement in the church, not even the church herself, grew so rapidly as this movement. I will have something more to write about the growth of this movement again. But in the meanwhile I think that every society should hold a special service upon the Sunday evening nearest February 2nd. And also a special offering for missions should be taken at this time. I may be able to outline and suggest a program in another contribution.

#### Missionary Committee

Have you appointed such a committee yet? I am holding my contributions so that all societies may have sufficient time to appoint the very best committee possible.

WM. D. FURRY.

#### K. C. Society, Falls City, Neb.

We are happy to announce that our K. C. has been reorganized with an enrollment of twenty members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. S. J. Harrison, Pres.; Adda Bowers, Vice Pres.; Etta Judy, Sec.; Minnie Shaw, Treas.; Debbie Mower, Marshal; Zola Jones, Organist.

Since the reorganization, we held our first meeting New Years eve. A good representation of the society was present. Miss Liva Lichty delivered a very impressive address, which was greatly appreciated by all present. She emphasized the importance of prayer and the welcoming of strangers. Sister Liva is an earnest and consecrated worker and though she cannot give her service to the Brethren church, as we have no organization where she resides. We wish her success and God's blessing wherever her lot is cast.

Our pastor has started a new plan for increasing the interest at the meetings. Each member in his turn is required to prepare an essay, to be read at the society. Miss Debbie Mower read an essay on the subject, "Be courteous." It is the aim of our society to make each member feel that the success of the work depends on the individual assistance of each one. We look forward to grand results this year as we have a good field to work in, and all the members manifest real earnestness and zeal. We are trusting in the blessed assurance that if we work for the up-building of the cause of Jesus, our labor will not be in vain.

ADDA BOWERS.

#### On Being Quiet

Golden Rule.

The art of speaking well is a branch of the art of keeping quiet well.

One of the first essentials of serenity is trust.

The quiet spirit does not fret about deeds; but the deeds come.

Our own harsh words so fill our ears, we cannot hear the music of the spheres.

Quietness is mightiness; rest is conquest. Morning prayer is powder for the day's bullet.